



ŌWHANGO SCHOOL PĀNUI

The children at Ōwhango School are engaged in our unique, rural environment, are individual in their learning, and strong in experience and success.

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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK / WHAKATAUKĪ

"Peace cannot exist without justice, justice cannot exist without fairness, fairness cannot exist without development, development cannot exist without democracy, democracy cannot exist without respect for the identity and worth of cultures and peoples." Rigoberta Menchú Tum

DATES TO NOTE

9 October	First day of Term Four
14 October	General Elections
18 October	Mobile Library
20 October	Mountain Schools Athletics Day
23 October	Labour Day- School is Closed
25 October	Postponement Day- Athletics
30 October	Pet Day
1 Nov.	Enrolment Zone Consultation Hui 7pm
7 Nov.	Assembly 2:00pm
8 Nov.	School Photos
17 Nov.	Interschool Athletics (new date)
20 Nov.	Teacher Only Day
22 Nov.	Year 7 & 8 Rafting
24 Nov.	Ōwhango's Got Talent
29 Nov.	Year 7 & 8 Rafting postponement
1 Dec.	Interschool Touch Rugby
2 Dec.	Christmas Parade
5 Dec.	Assembly 2pm
6 Dec.	School Board Hui
8 Dec.	Tongariro Crossing Trip
13 Dec.	Year 8 Leavers' Treat
14 Dec.	Brock's Farm Trip
15 Dec.	Break Up Ceremony 5pm
18 Dec.	Last Day of School
5 February	First Day of 2024!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

Welcome back to school for our final term of this year. There is a lot going on!

Term Four Date Changes

We have reviewed our need for two Teacher Only Days, and will now have one, on Monday 20th November. We are therefore able to shorten our term by one day, therefore the last day of school will be Monday 18th December.

Term Start Date Change 2024

We have also adjusted our dates for 2024, we are now starting at the later date of Monday 5th February and our teacher only days are now on 4th June and 25th November.

Four Teachers in 2024

We were recently informed that due to our high roll numbers, we will be funded for a fourth teacher for 2024. We are currently advertising to try to fill this position. I expect this to be a temporary situation, for 2024 only, as we will be better able to control our roll once the Enrolment Zone is in place at the beginning of next year.

I am currently working out how to house four classes within our buildings and will let you know more once I have worked out this dilemma.

CLASSROOM KORERO

This will return next week.

However, here is a great **reading tip** to encourage reading at home: put CAPTIONS ON at home –TV, YouTube, movies etc.

MOUNTAIN ATHLETICS- help needed please

Ōwhango School organises the Mountain Schools' Athletics Day at the Ōwhango Domain every year. It is quite a mammoth task, with Manunui, Kaitieke and National Park joining us for the day.

We need parent help please. Thanks to the five people who replied to my email that was sent out last week. But we need more help.

We need assistance setting up the field in the morning, at the finish line of the running races,

at the results tent, at the PTA stall, at the start of the running races, assisting the juniors to get to their events and while at their events, packing up at the end of the day.

I appreciate that you want to come along and watch your kids compete on the day, but we cannot run this event for spectators, it is for the kids. Without your help we cannot run this.

So, **please fill in the form below** or contact the school if you can help with this work and make this great day proceed. Thank you.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

This year, local photographer Emma Soffe will be doing our class and individual/sibling photos. Emma takes a modern approach to school photography, rather than a traditional/formal portrait type photo.

Class Photos

Emma has kindly offered to do our class photos for free and these will be sold as a PTA fundraiser and can be ordered by filling out the attached form at the bottom of this Pānui and returning it to the school office.

Individual and Family Photos

Additionally, Emma offers 10-minute sittings for natural individual/sibling photos in an outdoor setting around school. These will be at a cost of \$30 per sitting, more than two siblings requires an extra booking. These must be booked in advance (first in, first served), by using the booking link or QR code below. All school photos will be taken on 8th of November (weather permitting).



PET DAY AND SPRING FESTIVAL

We are attaching the activities today, to give you plenty of time to get prepared and start making your entries for our Pet Day and Spring Festival. For people new to our school, this is a fun day where the kids bring their home-made creations, and their pets. We encourage parents and the community to come along after midday to view the exhibits and watch the pets that can be led, going through the agility course.

Please encourage your children to make a minimum of two and a maximum of four entries. We timetable this event on a Monday so that the kids can do their baked entries over the weekend.

SKIING REFUNDS

Karen is working on balancing our finances for skiing. Those people owed refunds will be informed of this once we have worked through the figures. Please have patience as we sort this out, it is complicated.

SKI CLOTHES TO RETURN

Just a reminder to those people who borrowed ski gloves, goggles, glasses and clothes to wash and return them this week. Thank you.

MOBILE LIBRARY

Next week we have the mobile library visiting on Wednesday. So remember to bring our old books back so you can get some new ones.

SUNHATS

This term as part of our sun safe procedures, we ensure the children are wearing a one of the school uniform bucket hats when playing or working outside. Most children should have one of these already, but if they have misplaced theirs, a new one can be bought from school for \$12. We will have one week's transition to give the kids time to find their hat before enforcing our No Hat No Play rule.

OWHANGO MARKET DAY PTA STALL

Owhango Market Day PTA stall has been running for the last 10 years. Over that time, it has been a very successful, easy way to raise some money. But the time has come for the stall to close. Thank you to all those who have helped in some way, by donating goods, time, baking and helping on the stall on market days. Especially to Cara O'Donnell who has been the mainstay of this fundraiser.

PTA FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER

Owhango PTA would like to thank everyone who helped make the Festival Fundraising catering such a success. There were many great comments on the food. Thank you to those who donated ingredients, baking, soup and goods.

Thank you also to those who were able to help on the day. We made \$1725 to go towards our children.

RIPPA RUGBY SUCCESS

Congratulations to the year 5 & 6 Ripa girls team, The Ōwhango Real Good Rippas, that won a place in the King Country Rugby Union-wide Ripa Carnival Finals to be held on Wednesday 18th October @ Owen Delany Park, Taupo. The team is Hazel, Chanae, Gin, Darcy, Poppy & Aleah, and they need to return their permission slips so that they can attend- see below. We also need some assistance with transport on the day. Thank you to Lakenn Te Ahuru who has offered to be their manager on the day.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MINI BALL LEAGUE BASKETBALL

A reminder that the \$15 fee to play in this tournament is now overdue.

Finals- playing for 1st and 2nd in the B grade at 5:25pm are TARRANGOWER BUCKETS V ŌWHANGO SUPERSTARS Prize giving is after the game.

Y1-4 MINI MEEZ BASKETBALL COMPETITION

We have not received the draw for this at the time of printing.

PAYING BY INTERNET BANKING DETAILS:

Ōwhango School: Uniform / stationery / sport fees pay to 03 0426 0141783 00

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MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS' ATHLETICS DAY ASSISTANCE

Please either fill in this form or contact the school today if you can help:

I can help at the Athletics Day Friday 20th November.....

I can help on the postponement date of Wednesday 25th November.....

Your Name.....

PTA: Fundraisers 030 426 0156205 00

2023 REMAINING TERM DATES

Term 4- 9th October to 19th December

Teacher Only Days- 17th November and 20th November.

2024 TERM DATES

Term One- 5th February to 12th April

Term Two- 29th April to 5th July

Term Three- 22nd July to 27th September

Term Four- 14th October to 18th December

Teacher Only Days- 4th June & 25th November

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS FOR THIS YEAR

Duffy Books in Schools: W & C O'Donnell, DG Brown Contracting, Doyle Valuations, Ōwhango Motors, S & M Ashcroft Partnership.

Ōwhango Adventures: Free bus use for trips

Fern Energy Fuel for Schools Scheme: Blazing Paddles Ltd, Bos Tauras, DR & LA Marshall Ltd, JB & KA Lord, KF or VI Kimberley, MJ & TM Lord, O'Donnell WM & CE, RC & JF Walker, Tylee Family Trust, W Bryan Earthworks Ltd, Waihou Farming Trust.

Blue Hill Cafe: Netball sponsorship

PTA Sponsors: Ringa Kaha Cabin, The Grounded Artisan, The Park Hotel Ruapehu, Kainui, LPS Cabinetry, Purita Te Manawa, Vertigo Rock Climbing, Thai Restaurant, Blue Hill Café, Liquorland. Pat Lacy Livestock Ltd



King Country Rugby Union-wide Rippa Carnival Finals Permission Slip

On Wednesday 18th October
At Owen Delany Park, Taupo
Departing school at 8:00am

The team that has won a place in this tournament is Hazel, Hayzin, Hopaea, Tilly, Gin, Darcy, Poppy & Aleah.

PERMISSION

I give permission for to attend this event.

TRANSPORT

YES / NO I can provide smoke-free, and seat-belted transport for _____ (write number) children, in a registered and warranted vehicle that will be driven by a fully licensed driver who adheres to all traffic regulations. (Note, drivers will be paid some money to go towards their petrol costs.)

SIGNED.....



Ōwhango School Class Photograph Order Form 2023

PTA CLASS PHOTO FUNDRAISER - \$20 each

Family Name _____

Class	Number	Total
Room 1 (Middle Room)		
Room 2 (Senior Room)		
Room 3 (Junior Room)		
Whole School Photo		
	Total Payment	
	Date paid	

Please include payment with your order. If paying by internet banking, please deposit payment into the

PTA Bank Account: 03 0426 0156205 00

Ref: School Photos with your family name.

Thank you very much for your support!



OWHANGO SCHOOL
PET DAY & SPRING FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES

Our Pet Day and Spring Festival will be held on Monday the 30th of October 2023.

Students are requested to make a **minimum of two** and a **maximum of four** individual activities.

A GIFT

- ◆ A gift for a grandparent.

COOKING

- ◆ Baking decorated like an animal or in a spring theme.
- ◆ Homemade sweets & other baking

GROWING

- ◆ A growing container garden, e.g., tub of vegetables, hanging basket etc
- ◆ A decorative sand saucer or miniature garden

CONSTRUCTING

These two activities may be a group or an individual activity:

- ◆ A Lego creation- in either a spring theme or pet theme
- ◆ A large boat or raft – judging criteria: that will support at least one person and can paddle the length of the school pool
- ◆ A small boat or raft- judging criteria: that it will stay afloat while all of the large boats or rafts are paddling the length of the pool, and it has a lot of detail on it.

These are all to be **prepared at home**.

Creations must be **made by the students**, NOT the parents and not store bought.

We will also have a table for pre-schoolers' entries.

Please **do not** name your work; we will give you stickers with your special anonymous code on it.

Students will be doing additional activities at school.

Sales Table

After the judging of the displays, the children will be able to offer their work for sale with 50% going to the child and 50% going to the PTA. The children will need to price their own goods.
